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SSO CHANNELS. SSOS PASS TO APPROPRIATE TCOS. CITE NPIC 1200.

FOR PASSING TO [REDACTED]

THIS MESSAGE IS FROM CIA/

PHOTOGRAPHIC INTELLIGENCE DIVISION.

REFERENCE SP-0518-63 (DTG 152115Z)

Grace (File)

1. FTD CONCERNED IN CHECKING COLLATERAL REPORT ON POSSIBLE
ION PROPULSION RESEARCH LAB, [REDACTED] DTD 01 JUNE 1962,
REPORTS THAT PRELIMINARY PHOTO INTERPRETATION SHOWS THAT A SECURE
INSTALLATION EXISTS BETWEEN TWO SMALL LAKES NEAR TERYAYEVO; THAT THE
INSTALLATION APPEARS TO CONTAIN A LABORATORY, LARGE SPHERICAL TANK ETC.

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2. CIA/PHOTOGRAPHIC INTELLIGENCE DIVISION BELIEVES THIS
INSTALLATION TO BE THE JOSEPH-VOLOKOLAMSK MONASTERY LOCATED AT
N56-10-30/E36-06-00 (USATC SERIES 200, SHEET 0154-22HL). THIS
MONASTERY IS LOCATED ON THE ONLY LAKES IN THE IMMEDIATE VICINITY
OF TERYAYEVO. THERE APPEARS TO BE LITTLE CHANGE IN THE

INSTALLATION SINCE [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] A GROUND PHOTO OF THE MONASTERY, WHICH CHECKS WELL WITH

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declassification

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THE AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY, CAN BE SEEN ON PAGE 85 IN A RUSSIAN BOOK TITLED MEMORABLE SITES IN THE MOSCOW OBLAST PUBLISHED IN MOSCOW IN 1956, AND ALSO ON PAGE 266 IN THE 1960 EDITION OF THE SAME BOOK. THE MONASTERY IS WALLED, WITH GUARD TOWERS, AND SOME BUILDINGS HAVE TYPICAL RUSSIAN ONION-SHAPED DOMES. THIS COULD ACCOUNT FOR THE SECURE APPEARANCE REPORTED BY FTD AND THE DOMES COULD APPEAR AS SPHERICAL TANKS.

3. CIA'S EVALUATION, AS ADVISED BY [REDACTED] THAT THE COLLATERAL REPORT IS BELIEVED TO BE FABRICATED WOULD APPEAR TO BE SUPPORTED ON THE BASIS OF PHOTO INTELLIGENCE IN THE VICINITY OF N56-11/E36-07. SCP-1

T O P S E C R E T [REDACTED]

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